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Grade: 5      Reading

Theme Three Selection: 3

"James Forten"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. What is the setting in the beginning of the story?

- a) Wednesday June 7, 1800 in Philadelphia, PA
- b) Tuesday September 2, 1766 in Boston, MA
- c) Tuesday September 2, 1766 in Philadelphia, PA
- d) Thursday May 11, 2009 in Altoona, PA

2. "Forten helped in all aspects of sail making and assisted in installing the sails on the ships." Which word is a synonym for assisted?

- a) captive
- b) helped
- c) struggle
- d) difficult

3. "After what must have seemed forever with the two ships tacking about each other like angry cats, the Active lowered its flag." This statement is an example of

- a) simile
- b) personification
- c) metaphor
- d) alliteration

4. After the British ship, the Active, surrendered, James Forten had "mixed feelings" about the victory. Why do you think he felt that way?

- a) He was excited about the victory, but sad for his shipmates who were wounded or killed.
- b) They did not win the battle.
- c) He was sad he had to return home.
- d) He was anxious to have another battle.

5. "In the summer of 1781, James Forten signed onto the privateer Royal Louis, commanded by Stephen Decatur, Sr.," is an example of a

- a) simile
- b) fact
- c) personification
- d) opinion

6. The genre of this selection is

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) biography
- d) realistic fiction

7. James Forten explained how the Africans he saw in chains had changed. How did they change?

- a) They were still in chains.
- b) They went back to Boston.
- c) They were slaves.
- d) They were proud soldiers now.

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ were people who believed that slavery should be against the law.

- a) apprentice
- b) captives
- c) abolitionists
- d) privateers

9. What did James Forten do after the war?

- a) He became an apprentice and ran a successful business.
- b) He became a slave.
- c) He stayed a soldier.
- d) He became a school teacher.

## Open-ended Response

This story showcased the life of James Forten. Explain 3 important experiences in his life. Use details from the story to support your answer.

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**Answer Key and Eligible Content**

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	c	Setting	R5.B.1.1
2	b	Synonym	R5.A.2.2
3	a	Figurative Language	R5.B.2.1.2
4	a	Drawing Conclusion	R5.A.2.3
5	b	Fact/Opinion	R5.B.3.1.1
6	c	Genre	R5.A.2.6
7	d	Details	R5.A.2.4
8	c	Vocabulary	R5.A.1.1
9	a	Sequence	R5.B.1.1

**Open-ended Rubric**

**3 Points**

Paragraph describes 3 important experiences/times in his life. (Examples: childhood – the importance of education, age 14 – becoming a soldier, post war – becoming a successful businessman)

**2 Points**

Paragraph describes 2 important experiences/times in his life

**1 Point**

Paragraph describes 1 important experience/time in his life.

**0 Points**

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete